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### HABITS OF THE BUFFALO

Of the surviving herds of buffalo in this country one of the finest and largest, writes a correspondent of the Portland Oregonian, is that belonging to the Conrad estate at Kalispell. I am unable to give the exact number, but one spending an hour in Kalispell in summer may see this herd, ranging from massive bulls black as night all the way down to the little humpy calf feeding leisurely on the extensive enclosure just north of the town.

In winter they are driven (always on Sunday morning when nobody is on the road) across the Flathead River, eight or ten miles southeast, to a big winter range embracing several sections kept for the purpose. Buffalo care nothing for the snow and never take to shelter, but always lie down on the highest open knolls. One would suppose they would take to shelter in a blizzard, but they do not.

At night, no matter what the weather, they seek the bluest spot to rest. This has become second nature with them on account of wolves, no doubt, the inveterate enemy of the American bison. Thirty-five years ago I hunted and learned at first hand the ways of these animals on the plains. They root the same as a hog through deep snow to the grass.

Some years ago a party of English sportsmen came to Montana in quest of big game. They had all manner of servants, high power guns, etc. After thrashing about several days, killing coyotes and jackrabbits, they said Mr. Conrad at Kalispell \$500 a head for the privilege of shooting down two or three of his gentle buffalo. These were borne away from the Atlantic as trophies of their great prowess in "North America."

The Conrads have not experienced many difficulties breeding and increasing their herd. In fact, their readily cross with domestic cattle.

### HAPPY LOT OF A FARMER

We know a South Carolina farmer who has 20 bales of cotton in the banded warehouse. He has sold 20 bales, and all his debts are paid. Five bales remain to be harvested, grinned and picked. He has no house rent to pay at the end of the month. He has no water rates to pay: his water comes from a spring under the hill. He has no electric light bills. He has corn and wheat and the mill is two miles away. Five hogs are in the pen, and they weigh 200 pounds each. The pea crop has been good; he has plenty of cotton-seed meal and bulls; the hogs were fattened on peanuts, though he has 10 bushels of the latter stored away for the family. Half a dozen peach trees on the farm are bearing, and he has a plenty of delicious nuts. There is popcorn in the garret for Christmas, enough for winter and to give some to the neighbors, too. The sorghum crop was fair and real sorghum sirup is quite as good as "maple sirup"—in quotation points. The two cows yield more milk and butter than are needed, so some is sold every week. Of course, the supply of honey is abundant, as usual, and the surplus yields a little cash. One or two beehives might be sold to the butcher and would fetch a good price, though the provender being plentiful, they will be fattened for a month or two and sold later.

The woodlands on the farm have been carefully looked after, and fuel is to be had for the cutting and hauling. The supply will never be exhausted, so long as it is husbanded by the farmer who is speaking of. The troop of a dozen Christmas turkeys includes at least two gobblers that weigh 20 pounds each, and there are guinea fowls, ducks, and chickens besides. The farmer has \$2000 invested in local banks and cotton mills, the dividends from which are \$150 annually. He may have a mortgage for \$500 on a neighbor's farm besides. He has \$200 deposited in bank, and his credit up to \$500 is as good as Rockefeller's in any store in the county town.

Can this farmer hold cotton? Why not? The clothes for his family for the winter cost about as much as one tailor-made outfit for a city man. We fancy he can hold the 25 bales in the warehouse until they wear out.

### CAPTAIN SHELTON DEAD

ELKTON, Md., December 3.—Captain John P. Shelton died at his home, on Bohemia river, aged 71 years. He was a native of Delaware, but removed to Cecil County when a young man. For 35 years he was in the employ of Joseph H. Steele of Chesapeake City, in the grain business, but of late years had retired from active work.

In addition to following the water Captain Shelton was largely interested in farming, and at the time of his death owned two large farms on the Bohemia river. He is survived by a widow, who, before her marriage, was Miss Florence Teal, of Baltimore, Md.

### Hog Cholera

Mr. Charles H. Jarman, of near Chester bridge, has found a remedy for hog cholera and it is so simple that every farmer who has sick hogs can try it. He says he lost his hog after hog, after trying every remedy he could read or hear of and finally he stumbled over this one: Keep the hogs away from water! Don't let them have any water for several days nor give them much to eat. At the end of four days begin to feed very little grain and don't let them have much water. Try it on hogs which have just contracted the disease. It will not help hogs that are desperately sick.

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### WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30th, 1907.

SENATOR FORAKER has furnished the political sensation of the week by his announcement that he is not a candidate to succeed himself as Senator, but is a candidate for the presidency. Opinion is divided as to the motive which prompted this course. Very few people believe that Mr. Foraker is so blind to the facts as to imagine that he can be elected President. His persistent opposition to President Roosevelt would of itself be enough to prevent his being made the leader of the Republican party, even if he had the support of his state, which he has not. It was supposed that he would make a desperate fight for the senatorship, which is the only fight he might have won. His declaration that he will not make the race for the Senate leaves but one of two possible explanations of his course. He appreciates that he is utterly defeated, cannot even be re-elected to the Senate and is determined to do all the harm he can as he goes down and this is the explanation favored by the Taft people or else, he appreciates he cannot be re-elected to the Senate and has determined to take a gambler's chance and risk what little political prestige he has left in one throw of the dice for the presidency.

A curious instance of a man without a party is presented by the case of the Hon. Peter Porter, Republican member of Congress from the 34th district of New York. Mr. Porter, it will be recalled, entered the race against J. W. Wadsworth last fall, taking advantage of the intense opposition which Mr. Wadsworth had aroused by his antagonism of President Roosevelt and his nearly successful efforts to emasculate the Meat Inspection law. Mr. Wadsworth, who is the largest property owner in his district and who has a great many tenant farmers on his estate, succeeded in controlling the regular district convention. Mr. Porter was nominated by a separate convention as an "independent Republican," and he also received the endorsement of the Democratic convention, the Democrats of that district having never been able to elect a Democratic Congressman and being only too glad to defeat Wadsworth. Mr. Porter polled 25,000 votes, 6,000 more than the normal Democratic vote of the district and he claims, received a very large majority of the votes cast. As he had been a life-long Republican the Democrats were not anxious to turn out and vote for him. Coming to Washington, Mr. Porter finds himself on the official list of Congress described as a Democrat. This he resents as not only has he always been a Republican but he entered the lists against Wadsworth at the instance and with the encouragement of President Roosevelt. Col. "Pete" Hepburn, member of Congress from the 8th district of Iowa, is chairman of the Republican caucus and as such has authority to say who is and who is not a Republican. Mr. Wadsworth was one of the wheel horses of the machine in the House, always "voted right" where special interests were affected, which means that he voted as Mr. Cannon, Mr. Dabzell and Mr. Hepburn told him to, rather than as President Roosevelt asked him to, and the Colonel and his colleagues resent the loss of such a docile and amenable statesman. Moreover, back in 1896 an impatient "independent Republican" had the audacity to enter the lists against Col. "Pete" in the 8th Iowa district. Col. Hepburn laughed him to scorn during the campaign but when the votes were counted it was found that the Colonel had fallen outside the breastworks and for six long, weary years he strove unavailingly to get back to Congress. What Mr. Porter's fate in this Congress will be cannot be foretold with accuracy, but that there will be a determined effort to prevent his accomplishing anything for the benefit of his constituents and so promoting his own re-election seems obvious.

President Amador, of Panama, the newest republic in the world, is in Washington this week and on Friday evening was entertained, with Mrs. Amador, by President and Mrs. Roosevelt at dinner, attending afterwards the reception at the White House in honor of Admiral Evans. When asked for his opinion about the completion of the Panama canal, he declined to commit himself to any specified time, saying that was a matter for the engineers to settle, but he expressed decided belief in the benefit of the canal to the country when it was completed, and a sincere hope that the countries which are sister republics of Panama will get together in lasting peace, for the good of progress.

There is a growing realization of the fact that the West is far Taft for President as it believes him to be a man of the same ideas and aims as President Roosevelt. Politicians and Representatives as well as Senators are arriving in great numbers for the coming session and the standing of the various States is not difficult to obtain. "Kansas is for Taft," says Victor Murdock, Representative of the Seventh Kansas district. "Of course he does not evoke that stirring enthusiasm that the mere mention of President Roosevelt's name does, but we are for him to a man. We know, beyond a doubt, that when President Roosevelt said he was not a candidate for the presidency he meant every word of it." And this seems to be the attitude of the West generally, as voiced by those statesmen and politicians who are now in Washington, ready for the opening of Congress.

### One Egg a Day From 400 Hens

One egg a day from 400 hens is the curious state of affairs that Alfred Warrington of Georgetown, has to contend with. He has one of the largest poultry farms of the State. About a week ago his 400 hens stopped laying and have given him but one egg a day since then. Warrington states if he finds the hen that is laying the one egg he will give her all the delicacies of the season to eat.

### THE WORLD OF FASHION

Yellow is one of the most fashionable colors for evening gowns this season and it is also used to make the most charming cloaks of broadcloth. These soft, beautiful new shades of yellow are worn alike by blondes and brunettes, by society women, young or old, and are more becoming by artificial light and look warmer than any other of the evening shades. Yellow fans are also smart and with these costumes give slippers or pumps and silk stockings of the same rich tint are considered an appropriate finish. Every possible variety is shown in evening wraps from the simple circular cape which can be very easily and quickly made at home to the most elaborately draped cloaks and Japanese form of garments.

### A Stylish but Inexpensive Evening Gown

Fashion is very kind this winter to the woman with a slender income or the young girl with but a small amount of spending money for there are a great many styles of simple evening gowns that can be made at home very successfully at comparatively small expense. To begin with the jumper costume is strikingly well adapted to this purpose. A successful frock lately seen, made in this style, was of pale blue silk with one of the new circular skirts trimmed with two deep folds of the material. The jumper portion consisted of two wide straps with the fulness held in on the shoulder by three deep tucks, stitched down to yoke depth back and front. These straps were edged with narrow black velvet ribbon and joined across the front and back with five strips of the same ribbon, trimmed at each end by a tiny cut steel button. The draped belt was of wider velvet ribbon held by a handsome steel buckle. The jumper was worn over a low necked bodice of fancy net with short sleeves coming just below the elbows. The same could be carried out in taffeta or China silk and cotton eolienne and worn with an allover lace or net waist.

### PRIZES FOR CORN EXHIBIT

The Delaware State Corn Show to be held in the Century Club Rooms, Dover, December 12th, will be an interesting and important exhibit of this valuable cereal. Governor Preston Lea has donated a silver cup for the best exhibit in Class A, and the trustees of Delaware College offer a silver cup as sweepstakes prize in Class B. The classes are as follows:

#### CLASS A

Section 1.—For the best 20 ears white corn, \$7.00; for the second best 20 ears white corn, \$5.00; for the third best 20 ears white corn, \$3.00.

Section 2.—For the best 20 ears yellow corn, \$7.00; for the second best 20 ears yellow corn, \$5.00; for the third best 20 ears yellow corn, \$3.00.

Section 3.—For the best 20 ears mixed corn, \$7.00; second best 20 ears mixed corn, \$5.00; third best 20 ears mixed corn, \$3.00.

#### CLASS B

Section 1.—For the best 10 ears white corn, \$5; second, \$4; third, \$3; fourth, \$1; fifth, \$1.

Section 2.—For the best 10 ears yellow corn, \$5; second, \$4; third, \$3; fourth, \$2; fifth, \$1.

Section 3.—For the best 10 ears mixed corn, \$5; second, \$4; third, \$3; fourth, \$2; fifth, \$1.

#### CLASS C

For the best 10 ears of any variety of corn from New Castle County, first, \$3; second, \$2; Kent County, first, \$3; second, \$2; Sussex County, first, \$3; second, \$2.

#### SWEETSTAKES—CLASS C

First, \$10 by White Brothers, Wilmington, Delaware.  
Second, 1 ton Cedar Hollow Ground Lime, by Charles Warner Company, Wilmington, delivered free of charge.

#### RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

Only corn grown in Delaware by exhibitor during the season of 1907 shall compete for prizes.

No entrance fee is required.

No exhibitor shall make more than one entry of the same variety of corn in a

### USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

While just now it is more fashionable to have but two forks for each cover on the table at a formal luncheon, it involves so much extra work that many hostesses cling to the old form of having a fork for every course.

The best scrambled eggs are those that are done in a chaffing dish or else are so carefully watched that they are taken off the fire before they have stiffened. A few tablespoonsful of cream added just at the last is a great improvement. Another pleasing variation for scrambled eggs is to stir in a tablespoonful of chopped mushrooms and a tablespoonful of parsley just before serving.

Silver which has become blackened from standing a long time in a closet should first be placed for a few minutes in boiling water in which a lump or two of washing soda has been dissolved. Later clean with a good silver polish.

In buying table linen be careful to get a piece that is not full of knots as it is very apt to wear into holes at those places.

A thrifty young housekeeper who was much distressed to find her matting had faded treated it with an oak stain of floor varnish and was delighted with the results.

If you are boiling cabbage and do not want to take all out of doors into your secret, try putting into the pot a crust of very stale bread to absorb the disagreeable odors.

The best way to clean white paint is to dip a piece of soft flannel cloth in warm water, wring it out, then dip it in a saucer of clean lye, using care to rub the paint. The friction of the lye will remove the stain without injuring the paint.

Children should be taught to hang stockings and all linen apparel over the back of a chair on going to bed at night, so that there may be a free circulation of fresh air through them. The neat little packs of clothes, piled one on top of another, which used to be the rule, are not at all hygienic.

Grease can very often be removed by repeated applications of blotting paper and French chalk to the wrong side of woolen goods. Grease upon carpeting can often be removed by washing the spot carefully in hot soapsuds.

Luke-warm water and fine soap will remove fats from fast-colored woollens, while tar and wagon grease will yield to lard rubbed on, then soaped and allowed to lie for an hour. Afterward wash alternately in water and spirits of turpentine. Silk goods, in the main, can receive the same cautious treatment that is given to woollens. Fats may be treated with benzine, ether and soap in a very weak solution. Turpentine should not be used upon silk, unless it be black silk. A current of water falling from a height, upon the reverse side of the spot will help erase it. Whatever applications are made, care must be exercised in regard to leaving an outline of the stain, which must be rubbed with a soft cloth while drying. Right here it may be said that kerosene oil will erase fresh wagon grease, and that machine oil yields to cold soapsuds. One rule must be remembered: Alkalies are removed by diluted acids, like citric acid, while acids require ammonia.

The best duster for polished wood is a good chamois skin, not too big. Dip it in clear water, wring it very dry—so that it feels merely damp—and go over dusty surfaces until the chamois looks dirty. Wash it clean, and wring hard before going on. A little ammonia in the water helps to remove finger marks. Change the water as it becomes dirty, and be sure the chamois is clean and well wrung out.

The fine ash found over the oven of a cook stove in which wood is used furnishes (when used dry) a silver polish equal to any on the market.

Have a small horseshoe magnet fastened to the end of a tape or ribbon of sufficient length so that it can be dropped to the floor to pick up scissors and needles.

A newly imported wood, used for high-class cabinet and piano work, is the Tasmanian myrtle. It is of a rich pink color, moderately hard, and very close grained.

Turn your coffee mill down very tightly, fill the hopper with granulated sugar, grind it through once or twice, or even three times, and you have an excellent powdered sugar.

To remove paint from glass wet the window with either cold or warm water and rub a coin over it. A half a dollar would be best and will remove paint without scratching glass.

To clean zinc tubs wipe them over with paraffine, and then scour them with crystal soap.

To clean a spice mill grind two ounces of rice through the mill, and all trace of the spice will be removed.

Ants dislike both cloves and salt, and therefore either may with advantage be sprinkled on pantry shelves over-run with these pests.

Needles often rust in flannel needlebooks. This is owing to the sulphur used in the preparation of the flannel. Far better than flannel for the leaves of needlebooks are some bits of nice soft wash-leather.

Panels of glass may be easily removed by applying soft soap to the putty which holds them. Leave the soap on for a few hours before attempting to remove the putty, which, however hard it may be, will rarely fail to soften under this treatment.

To clean white marble put a lump of soda the size of an egg into a pot containing half a pint of water and a tablespoonful of soft soap. Stand this pot in a pan of boiling water on the fire till the mixture boils. While it is hot, paint it onto the marble. Leave it for a day or two, and then wash it off with warm water and a clean flannel.

Ten kettles would last longer if, after use, they were turned upside down to drain dry. It is the little drop of water left at the bottom which starts the rust that ends in a leak.

### LET YOUR WIFE BANK THE PROFITS

Rev. Madison C. Peters, in a sermon at the Majestic Theatre, New York, last Sunday, spoke against the liquor traffic, taking as his subject, "Every Wife Her Husband's Bartender."

"If you must drink," said the pastor, "let me make a practical suggestion. There are sixty-five drinks in a gallon of whisky, retailed at the ordinary saloon at 15 cents a drink, which brings \$9 a gallon. This whisky does not cost the saloon-keeper over \$2 a gallon, leaving a profit of \$7 on every gallon.

"At the more fashionable cafes, drinks are served at 20 cents, and the waiter expects a 10 cent tip. Now, why not make your wife the bartender? Give her the retail price of the drink, and even at 15 cents she will have a profit of \$7 on every gallon. Let her, instead of the saloonkeepers bank this profit, and when you are unable to support yourself and are shunned by respectable men, your wife may have money to keep you.

"Greater New York," he said, "it has been estimated, spends \$1,000,000 a day for drink, or about \$365,000,000 annually, which is more than half the amount required to run the entire government of the United States.

"If you can turn \$365,000,000 annually in New York city into channels of useful industry see what it would do; \$50,000,000 extra on food and provisions, what an impetus to the grocery business, \$50,000,000 more on wool and cotton mills, for tailors and dressmakers. Or suppose we spent \$25,000,000 more for shoes, \$100,000,000 more for new homes and \$100,000,000 more for furniture, how the lumber business would boom, what a demand for workmen!

"And after putting all these millions into New York business you would still have \$40,000,000 left to build and maintain places of amusement where the masses could spend their evenings with profit.

"Use the money now wasted on drink to promote business enterprise and there would be such a revival of business that we would think the minimum had dawned upon us. Spend the money in the stores instead of saloons, more goods of all kinds would be in demand, more would be manufactured, multiplied labor would be required to make and sell them."

### KILLING BIRDS A BILLION DOLLAR LOSS

A billion dollar loss to the farmers of America annually is the cost of the destruction of the insectivorous birds; this is the estimate just made by the president of the National Association of Audubon Societies. The prejudice against the bird is as old as farming itself. The younger generation growing up in the country is encouraged to pillage hedges and trees for eggs, and often part of his duties consists in rigging scarecrows, a task in which he takes immense delight. The impressions made on the mind in youth are slow to forsake the man in maturity. He is wont to look on the naturalist as impracticable and a good deal of a harmless crank. How a few birds can offset the raid of a million insects is beyond him, and he puts the whole agitation down as rank foolishness.

For years the naturalists and nature-lovers have sought to educate the agriculturists to the price they pay in permitting the stupid potting of birds, and to their own practice of trying to keep them from their lands. Apparently there has been little success, for new statistics show a rising scale in damage by insects. Education in this matter should not be left entirely to the Audubon societies. The agricultural schools appear to have been negligent in not using their influence more zealously to halt the destruction. As more and more the farmers take advantage of these state colleges, the opportunity is offered for the organization of students whose influence might be tremendous. The labors of those instructors who seek to make two blades grow where one did before seem feeble beside an enlightened sense which would save a billion dollars a year.

### HUMANS ARE LIKE SHEEP

"I witnessed a little circumstance the other day," said a merchant whose store is on Pennsylvania avenue, "that made me think that in some respects the human family is very much like a herd of sheep. When a crowd starts off in any direction the whole crowd will follow, regardless of results.

"The occurrence of which I speak," he said, "happened during the heaviest part of that equinoctial storm that drizzled the tops early in the week. Eight or nine miserable pedestrians, whose umbrellas gave them no protection, had gathered under the awning in front of my place and were, it appeared, waiting for the storm to let up a little before venturing on their respective ways.

"Two of the damp and dejected-looking mortals were women, and I really felt sorry for them as they stood and gazed up at the clouds, in the hope of seeing a little bit of fair sky.

"Every one of the party was alone, and there was no conversation but the contenance of each one of them gave utterance to the hope that the storm would soon be over.

"A last young fellow raised his umbrella, and with the words 'I think the worst is over' stepped away from the protecting awning. Every one of the others followed him. They didn't seem to reason with themselves a particle, but just adopted his idea and followed in his tracks.

"The storm, however, had just let up a little bit to take breath, and in less than two minutes came down harder than ever, and I know every one of the party must have been drenched.

"That's why I think mankind as a rule will follow any sort of a leader who comes forth in a dilemma without reasoning a bit on his own hook."

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual message of the President to the Congress is a most voluminous document, touching upon and discussing as it does, the many varied interests of the country. Mr. Roosevelt stands pat on his former utterances on the leading questions now prominent before the people. He still insists that the recent panic was not due to his talks, but due solely to the light thrown upon the dishonest practices of some of the multi-millionaires in giving the water cure to stocks and other securities within their control, and the consequent feeling of dread engendered among investors and prospective investors. It would probably be too much to ask for a careful reading of the message, but a study of the salient points will well repay those interested in good government.

There is one point in the message, however, that is of a vital interest to this community. That is the recommendation for a Federal inspection of grain entering into inter-state commerce. Every evening tries to make fun of this proposition and says, that under such a system, it would be impossible for a Delaware farmer to sell his wheat or corn to a Pennsylvanian without the intervention of a United States officer. This remark plainly shows the ignorance of the writer as to present conditions. As every farmer in Delaware knows, it is impossible now for him to sell a Pennsylvanian or for that matter, to a Delawarean, if the latter be a dealer in grain (and these latter buy practically all the grain that is sold in Delaware) without the intervention of an inspector, and that inspector an employee of the purchaser. It stands to reason that a seller will come nearer getting a square deal from a disinterested Federal official than from the present system, when, under certain conditions as to market supply and demand, it may be for the interest of the purchaser to have a lower grading than would ordinarily be the case. As a rule the inspectors of grain are honest men but even honest men are swayed and must be swayed by the tone and temper of their employers. No matter what else the present Congress may do, and there is plenty of work mapped out for the members, it should adopt this recommendation of the President and quickly put grain and such other products of the farmer under the same kind of inspection and grading as is done for the manufacturers of beef and other animal products. The seal of the U. S. inspector fixes the quality and consequently the price of beef and pork. Let it also fix the quality of wheat, corn, oats, &c.

### SHOPPING BY MAIL

Everybody knows about the catalogue houses and other big establishments which advertise to do a mail order business. The theory upon which they proceed is to pick out a few articles of common consumption and sell them at wholesale prices perhaps, or even less. If a popular copyrighted book is published they will buy them in large quantities and put them on the market at their cost price, and this serves two purposes; it aids them in killing off the local dealers by showing a great contrast between the mail order house and the local dealer. It also operates as an excellent advertising scheme. Seeing these low prices upon articles which the people know about, they readily conclude that the company advertising these things so wonderfully low are selling everything on a correspondingly low basis. The next deceit is the quality of the goods. They advertise apparently the same article that your retailer does, at a lower price and soon they make the non-expert believe that he better buy all his goods of them. He proceeds to do so and actually pays more in the end than he would pay his local dealer at regular prices.

These houses make up much more on the goods which you do not understand than they lose on the goods you do understand, and by this process of hood-winking, retain your trade, tear down the local dealer in the small towns

decrease the value of town and adjacent country property, and you are doing it yourself. You are saving a few cents on a barrel of salt and reducing the price of your farm by the act.

Suppose you would only buy the bargains—just the goods that you understand and know to be bargains. How long do you suppose the mail order house would do business? Not very long. They rely upon the bait which they set and it works in a large number of cases to perfection. Barum said that the American people delighted in being humbugged, that his show was the greatest humbug on earth and that was the reason he got such large crowds. We are always looking for bargains and that is all right. But because some one advertises one article for less than they are worth, that is no inference that he sells other articles for less than they are worth. In fact, the opposite inference is true, namely, if he sells one thing for less than it is worth, he must sell the next for that much more than it is worth to make up the loss on the first article, otherwise he would soon go bankrupt and out of business. By dealing with these great commercial centers we are centralizing a vast amount of trade at the expense of other cities and towns throughout this beautiful country of ours. How would we like it if there were no towns except the ones where the mail order houses do business? How would it effect the value of our property? All of us like to live near thriving towns and yet in many cases the people adjoining the towns whose financial standing depends upon the existence of the town, and whose land values are nearly twice as great because of its nearness to town are sending to Chicago for goods that are kept right here, and what is worse, they are getting beaten on every article bought, let alone the damage done to the local dealer who is usually one of the principal factors in keeping up the town.

There is no logic in the situation. Your local dealers can furnish you your articles for one year as cheap or cheaper than you can get them in Chicago, besides if you happen to get something you can't use, you can easily adjust it with your local dealer. We insist that the quality of the goods bought at home is invariably better than those bought in Chicago. You are all opposed to trusts, why help in building them up? That is just what you are doing by sending to Chicago for your goods. As we give the trusts our financial or moral support, we are creating masters for ourselves. Are we so mercenary that for the purpose of saving a few cents, we are willing to hazard the future of our children.

Let's have the patriotism and the stamina to say that the interest of our home town shall first be protected, and when we have done our whole duty by our local interests we will find that we are worth more in dollars and cents than we are sending to Chicago for our supplies, and we will have retarded the progress of the trusts just that much.

### A PANIC

"We read in the newspapers about a panic now grasping the country, the 'Roosevelt panic' some Democratic papers call it, and compare it with the Cleveland panic of '93 to '96. Well, we are not afraid to talk out about two periods, politics or no politics. They are always enough fair and square people in the land to pronounce honest judgment on every man.

"Where is this Roosevelt panic raging that we read about? This writer sold his wheat last Saturday for 99 cents a bushel, which however was a poor sale, the panic talk having got in a whack on our wheat pile, and the wheat crop of 1907 was a good one here in the east. Corn if in order will sell for 60 cents at home, oats have been as high as 50 cents. White potatoes are quoted at 65 to 70 cents. This writer sold his real calves through the year at average of \$13 or a little better and they were very ordinary calves at that. Turkeys will bring 20 cents a pound, and our dressed ducks from the farm sold in Philadelphia last week for 17 cents a pound. How is that for a panic? And who will lift his voice against us if we cry, give us more panics just like it.

"Well, we were trying to do a little business during that never to be forgotten period from '93 to '96. We rose early in the morning and lay down late at night, and about all we got out of it was the wear and tear of living. We sold our wheat as low as

57 cents a bushel, and corn for 35 cents. We sold a very good crop of bright oats one year for 20 cents a bushel. A good calf was worth \$8, a nicely fattened turkey 10 or 11 cents a pound, a fat duck 8 cents. Oh, they were delightful days for the salaried man, and we shook him right and shook him left about it, and still he cried the louder, 'Grover, Grover, four years more of Grover.' Well we got the four years, those of us who survived them. In that day the song was first sung in the land 'down the street to the soup house' and 'over the hills to the poor house' and still the capitalist and salaried men picked the cheep turkey out of their teeth and shouted 'no fifty cent dollars for us.'

"Undoubtedly four or six weeks ago in the present year, this country looked in the wide gaping mouth of an ugly looking panic as ever opened its jaws to devour the business of a land. Everything seemed to be adjusted to it. The country banks had their surplus money in the city banks, and the city banks had it out in every form of speculation. When like a clap of thunder in a clear sky, the people suddenly arose and rushed to the banks for their deposits. No hurrying and scurrying among the banks could have withstood this assault, and the country seemed doomed to fall like a tree broken down by its fruit. Then it was that Roosevelt rushed to the scene to put the fire out. No red tape restrained him from bringing the great wealth and credit of his government to stay the conflagration, and it stopped. The people saw and believed that the man could and would protect them, and confidence regained its feet. Yes he offered to issue bonds, but bonds to save the people, and unlike the Cleveland bonds that were issued to save the Government.

"Bryan would doubtless have done the same. The two men are not wide apart, waving party lines. But narrow is the man whatever his politics, who does not thank Theodore Roosevelt today for the prospect of a winter of ease and abundance, if our Blessed Lord and Father so permits. And whenever the shadow of a panic spreads out its ghastly form over this land, Roosevelt if President may be depended on to do it to what he did to the panic of 1907."—*Delaware State News.*

### STUCK HIS FURNYBONE

CHICAGO, Nov. 29th.—That even a street-car smashup with attendant losses of wearing apparel and dignity, may have its compensating features is proved by the novel "den" which the South Chicago City Railway received from Frank Gillman, manager of the Oaks Hotel, 75th street and Saginaw avenue. Gillman's personal damages are summed up in this bill which he sent to the company last week when the car jumped the track and ran against a telephone pole: South Chicago City Railway Co., Dr. To Frank Gillman. One Derby hat smashed and ruined, \$3.00 One walking stick broken, 2.00 One pair eyeglasses lost, 3.00 Nervous shock from screaming women and children, .05 Accidentally kissing a Star baby, .05 To being crushed and pounded, .00 Loss of dignity consequent to falling, .00 Congratulating self on escape from death, .00 \$8.05

Credit item—To being hogged by a strange female .05 Total, \$8.00 Please remit at once; Clearing House certificates accepted. The street-car company remitted.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

### WILD GAME AT REHOBOTH

LEWES, DEL., December 6th.—Residents of Rehoboth report that there has not been as much wild game in Rehoboth bay and its tributaries for years as is at present there this season, and consequently the chance for sport is the best for some time. Frank L. Chase, freight agent at Rehoboth, and for years a regular visitor to the bay for wild game, is authority for the statement that it is there in abundance this season. Quite a number of visiting sportsmen are there already, and doubtless the news of so much chance for sport will soon spread and Rehoboth will be overrun with the sportsmen who have enjoyed shooting ducks and geese from the blinds at various places in the bay. The law has stopped the shooting of game from steam launches, which was getting to be such a bad habit that it was a menace to the sport.

### Catalog of Music FREE

To introduce our plan of selling music through the mail, I will send one of the latest and up-to-date catalogs free, and will include one copy of a late Broadway hit for ten cents in stamps.

L. M. ELBERTSON,  
206 W. Eighth St.,  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

## M. BANNING, DEALER IN FINE GROCERIES

We are all ready for the Thanksgiving and Holiday Trade, with a full line of new Currants, Raisins, Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, and everything needed for mince meat and fruit cake.

A full supply of Atmore's celebrated Mince Meat now on hand, which will make a delicious pie for Thanksgiving or any other day.

We have a large variety of can goods. Also are carrying a full line of Florida and Jamaica Oranges, Grape Fruit, Tangerean, Malaga, Emporer and Concord Grapes.

Nuts and Candies are now coming in every day. A word to the farmer and butcher—Coarse and Fine salt in most any size package. Also sage, salt-petre, red, white and black pepper you will find here.

### M. BANNING.

Middletown, Del.  
Phone 60.

## Security Trust & Safe Deposit Co.,

519 MARKET ST., WILMINGTON, DEL.

Capital - - - \$600,000  
Surplus - - - \$600,000

A Safe Institution with which to transact your Banking and Trust Business.

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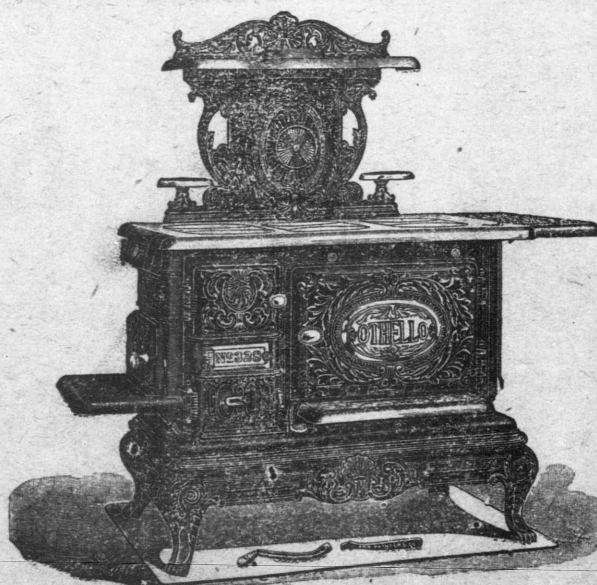
Benjamin Nields, President.  
James B. Clarkson, Vice-President  
John S. Russell, Sec. & Trust Officer  
L. Scott Townsend, Treasurer.

### NOTICE

I, ALEXANDER MAXWELL, tenant and occupier of the house known as the Middletown Hotel, situated at Middletown, in School District N. 1 and 84, county of New Castle, and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on Monday, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1908, being the next term of said Court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

W. A. Comings, J. B. Messick,  
H. L. Davis, C. P. Cochran,  
W. B. Rizer, Joshua Carlton, Jr.,  
W. J. Eliason, W. S. Letherbary,  
Cyrus Tatman, Geo. Echenhofer,  
Julian Cochran, N. J. Williams,  
J. L. Parsons, G. Ellis,  
Albert Price, John D. Gill,  
Joseph Gary, Harry C. Eliason,  
Corbit Vinard, John P. McIntyre,  
ALEXANDER MAXWELL.  
Middletown, Del., Nov. 30th, 1907.

## J. F. McWHORTER & SON STOVES



Cook Stoves, Ranges, Double and Single Heaters; Chunk Stoves, Oil Heaters. We can certainly please you with a stove and price.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON, Middletown Del.

## BURSTAN'S POPULAR CORNER STORE

### LADIES' COATS and SKIRTS

We have received a large line of Ladies' Coats and Skirts, and are prepared to sell them at prices which we are sure cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Ladies' Skirts in blue, black and brown, from \$1.50 up to \$5.00.

Ladies' Coats in blacks and grays from \$4. up to \$10. CHILDREN'S COATS.—We have also on hand a full line of Children's Coats, in all sizes and colors. These coats are worth from \$2 up to \$7, but we are selling them from \$1.25 to \$5.00.

MEN'S MERIT BRAND CLOTHING.—We have now received our full line of Merit Brand Clothing, and are ready to fit any person and pocket. We have had great success with this line of clothing, and we intend to have a greater success with our winter line.

SHOES for Men, Women and Children. Our shoe line is more complete than ever, and there is not a foot that we cannot fit properly. Men's working and dress shoes, \$1.25 up to \$3.50. Ladies' Shoes from \$1.00 up to \$3.00. Boys' and Girls' school and dress shoes from \$1.00 up to \$2.50. We have just received a large stock of "BLACK CAT HOSIERY," which we ordered several months ago at the same prices. We are therefore able to sell this well-known line at the same prices we have always sold them.

S. BURSTAN CORNER BROAD AND MAIN STS. MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

## MAIL ORDERS

We have made special arrangements for the filling of mail orders during the Christmas season and especially recommend this department to you.

In it are trained shoppers whose business it is to shop from department to department filling your orders with as much care as though you were here in person.

Each order is filled the same day as received, and we can assure it the same attention that we would show you.

Upon request we will send to you our booklet showing prices of hundreds of articles suitable for Christmas gifts.

Each article is listed under a separate heading showing for which member of the family it is intended.

This is the best booklet ever published by this store and is "chock full" of Christmas suggestions.

Write for it now.

## LIPPINCOTT & CO.

Wilmington, Delaware.

### THE CHRISTMAS STORE. 43d YEAR.

#### Elegant and Useful CHRISTMAS GIFTS

AT LOW PRICES. Buy your presents EARLY—early in the day and early in December. That will be your biggest gift of the holidays—to the workers behind the counters.

Open Ev'ning D. Ross & Son's Christmas Store 206-208 210 MARKET ST. WILMINGTON, DEL.

## New Store! New Goods!

## Lundy Bros

Successors to Leca DeValinger.  
Broad and Main Streets,  
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

We will keep at all times a choice line of

## Fresh and Salt MEATS! Fancy and Staple Groceries

AND COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Highest prices paid for Butter, Poultry and Eggs.

We invite the public to call and inspect our goods.

## Lumber & Coal

## YARD G. E. HUKILL

Middletown, Del.

White Pine, Yellow

Pine, Hemlock and

Cypress. All kinds

Building Lumber.

Shingles, Lath and

Pickets. Mill Work

of all kinds in stock

and to order. Building and Agricultural Lime. Woven

Wire Fence, Woven

Picket Fence, Barb

Wire and Plain

Wire.

Best veins of

HARD AND SOFT COAL

## The Globe Clothing Store

## Our Fall and Winter CLOTHING IS HERE.

We have received a large quantity of our Fall and Winter clothing, and invite our patrons to call and look them over. It matters not whether you are ready to buy or not, come in, we will be glad to show our assortment and you can be the judge.

### Men's and Boys' Clothing.

The latest style features for Fall and Winter, purchased of C. M. Mellisner & Brother, of New York. These are the latest cut, three-button single and double-breasted coats—hand tailored, insuring permanence of shapeliness and durability. The new and favorite shades in brown, grays, worsted chevrons and cassimeres—also plain black tibets, \$15.00

Strictly new style Fall garments in single and double-breasted coats of fashionable cut. The tailoring, fit and finish of these suits are exceptionally good, and they will give you good service, \$10.00

Strictly new style Fall garments with single and double-breasted coats of fashionable cut. The tailoring, fit and finish of these suits are exceptionally good, and they will give you astonishingly good service. New fancy gray mixtures and new shades of brown in worsted, chevrons and cassimeres, \$8.50

Men's blue, black and gray sack suits, made of durable material. Coats, pants and vests cut according to regular measurements, sizes 34 to 42, \$4.0

Men's steel, gray and novelty mixtures in sacks or double-breasted, all sizes. These suits are made of the famous "Union" cloth, are well cut, full finished and good fitting, \$4.75

Men's blue, black and brown Scotchies. These suits are made of the Beaufort Mills material and will render service equal to any \$8.00 suit, \$5.50

Men's black and blue Cheviot Suits, single or double breasted. Your attention is called to these suits, as they stand foremost of any cheviot suit ever sold for twice the price we offer them. They are strictly all wool, well made, full faced and double stitched, \$6.75

### Latest Styles of Overcoats, Top Coats and Rain Coats.

SHOES.—We handle several of the best makes of Shoes for Men, Women and Children.

Full line of Boys' double-breasted Suits, sizes from 8 to 16 years, in black, blue and mixed goods, from \$1.25 to \$5.50.

## THE Globe Clothing Store

S. M. ROSENBERG, Proprietor,  
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.



# The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7:25 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—10:40 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 8 p. m.

For Odessa—7:00 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:00 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 7, 1907.

## Local News

Trespassers Notices ready printed and for sale at THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

Country Lard Wanted. Will pay the highest cash prices.

ARMSTRONG'S MEAT MARKET.

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

Country Lard Wanted. Will pay the highest cash prices.

ARMSTRONG'S MEAT MARKET.

Wide-awake and no pains either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

Dr. M. B. Burstan, Eye Specialist, consultation free of charge. East Main St., Middletown.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c cash satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. GREEN.

Gold Crowns, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

Uncollected Letters.—The following list of letters remain uncollected in the post office for the week ending Nov. 25th: Mrs. Martha Hall, John Byrd.

FOR SALE.—Thoroughly modern house at Odessa, seven rooms and bath, hot and cold water. Possession at any time. GEORGE L. TOWNSEND, JR., Odessa, Del.

FOR SALE.—20 rose comb Rhode Island Red cockers and 40 pullets, April and May hatched. This is an exceptionally fine lot of young fowls, and the cockers will weigh from 7 to 8 lbs. Will sell at reasonable prices.

C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

The Junior Auxiliary of the St. Anne's Episcopal Church will hold their annual bazaar in the Parish building Saturday afternoon, December 7th, from 2 to 6 o'clock. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts, home-made candy and cake for sale.

The following pupils of Blackbird Public School are on roll of honor for the month of November: Emma Carey, Gertrude Timmons, Blanche Carey, Ruth Reynolds, Fred Heindol, Phyllis Fortner and George Prophet. Miss Emily Allen, teacher.

The fifteenth anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church, Delaware City, will be observed on December 12th, and Archdeacon George C. Hall of St. John's Church, Wilmington, will have charge of the services. Other clergymen also will participate. All-day services will be held beginning at 10.30 in the morning with a sermon and a celebration of Holy Communion. After luncheon there will be a brief memorial address, to be followed by addresses in the evening by several speakers.

Helpful special services were held in the Forest Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. The preachers were the Rev. R. L. Hallett, of Odessa, the Rev. Joseph B. Turner, of Dover, and the Rev. A. N. Millison, of Philadelphia. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on tomorrow (Sunday) morning, and the Session will meet at 10.15 o'clock to receive those desiring to unite with the Church.

The snow storm which arrived on Tuesday and covered the earth in this section to a depth of four inches was an unwelcome visitor to a large number of our farmers who have a great quantity of their corn crop in the fields, and should the snow of Tuesday be followed by others during the next few days, much of the corn crop of 1907 will not be husked until the early spring. It is to be hoped that the winter weather of the past few days will not last and that we may yet have a few weeks of good weather.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hopkins was given a variety shower on Monday evening by a number of her friends. Among those present were: Mrs. E. G. Allen, Mrs. J. Z. Croswell, Mrs. E. S. Jones, Mrs. Joseph L. Parsons, Mrs. Harry H. Hall, Mrs. George Pinder, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hopkins, Miss Edna Scott, Maude Smith, Hattie Cullen, Elizabeth Holten, Lulu Vinyard, Jeannette Schreitz, Mary A. Adkins, Lillian Walker, Ada Roberts, Bertha Jones of this town, and Mrs. Albert L. Massey of Dover.

The Misses Lockwood entertained the Matinee Euchre at their home on Cass street Wednesday. Those present were: Mrs. Duval Gibbs, Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine, Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Mrs. George Janvier, Miss Elizabeth Lindley, Miss Ada Lockwood, Mrs. Frank J. Penington, Mrs. J. G. Bragdon, Mrs. Jacob S. Cochran, Mrs. Staveley, Mrs. W. T. Connelley, Miss Martha Cochran, Miss Justine Peverly, Miss Beattie Morton, Mrs. Dorsey W. Lewis, Mrs. J. Allen Johnson, Mrs. Richard Lockwood, Miss Lizzie Price, Miss Agnes Clark and the Misses Marie and Julia Lockwood. Miss Lizzie Price won the first prize; Mrs. W. T. Connelley, second prize; and Miss Ada Lockwood, the guest prize. Chicken croquettes, peas, finger rolls, olives, stuffed dates and coffee were served.

Frances, the three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong had a narrow escape from being seriously burned just before the noon hour on Wednesday. While playing in the sitting room with her older sister, her clothing was ignited, and her face and body were badly burned. Fortunately her mother was in the adjoining room and the little tot's cries attracted her attention, and she lost no time in tearing the child's clothing from her body and smothered the flames. A few more seconds and her whole body would have been enveloped in the flames. A physician was summoned and relieved the little sufferer as much as possible, and at this writing the little tot is doing as well as can be expected.

## ROE-HOPKINS WEDDING

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hopkins, on East Main street Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when their daughter, Elizabeth Jones Hopkins became the wife of Mr. Thorndyke Roe, of Greenwood. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Lewis of Westminster, Md., assisted by the Rev. F. C. MacSorley, of Townsend, uncle of the groom. The wedding march was played by Miss Bertha Jones, a cousin of the bride. The bride wore a handsome gown of white Paris muslin. The wedding was a quiet one, only the relatives and a few invited friends being present at the ceremony. A reception followed, and the young couple left on the 7.42 southbound train for their home at Greenwood. The bride's traveling suit was brown velvet cloth with hat and gloves to match.

The bride was one of Middletown's popular young ladies, and was chief operator for the Diamond State Telephone Company, while the groom is a telegraph operator at Greenwood. THE TRANSCRIPT extends congratulations.

## A WOMAN WON

A Millington, Md., correspondent writes:—

All this section of the peninsula is talking about the mail which arrived in Millington on Friday, telling of the politician that a woman had adroitly outwitted them.

The office was awarded to a woman, who will for four years enjoy its salary and the services of an assistant. She is Mrs. Fred Walls, the woman who heroically saved the mail when Millington was being wiped out by fire.

Lewis Price, a R-publican leader, was slated for the place, but because of opposition and a snarl which was forthcoming the political leaders delayed with their recommendations. The Postmaster General twice asked that the recommendation be sent. Meantime Mrs. Walls was busy on the Washington end. When she was suddenly appointed Republican State Committeewoman James H. Baker and John C. Davis went to Salisbury to protest to Congressman Jackson, but without avail.

## TWO VACANCIES

Instead of more applications than could be accommodated seeking places upon the list to qualify for free education at well known normal schools at the expense of the New Castle county Board of Education, there is a dearth this season, and there are still two vacancies for the present term that have not been filled.

This fact was brought out at the meeting of the board Wednesday, at the office of Deputy Attorney-General Daniel O. Hastings in Wilmington. While this matter was not discussed at length by the board it was brought out in the routine of business.

What has caused the lack of applicants for free education is a source of some perplexity, it is true, but the small pay of school teachers in comparison with other branches of women's work is thought to be partially responsible for the dearth. It appears that young women are not willing to spend three or four years in training for positions when they can prepare themselves in a few months for places with commercial establishments where the work is more liberally paid for.

## FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William Barge celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on Saturday last, November 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Barge were married in England, but for many years have been residents of Delaware, residing near Townsend.

The reception was delightful and many of their friends, relatives, children and grandchildren were present to congratulate the happy couple.

Delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Barge received many valuable presents, their children presenting them with \$50 in gold, a golden dollar for each year of married life.

## GREAT RECORD MADE

There remains less than \$40,000 to be collected of the \$240,000 comprising the entire taxation of New Castle county for the year, which will be closed out July 1, next. The collections at the office of County Treasurer Burns have been unprecedented.

The amount of collected taxes was made up at the beginning of the month when the last rebate expired. During December the taxes will be received at their face value, and after that time a percentage will be charged. It is expected that there will be many others who will settle their accounts with the county before the first of the year, and with the fiscal year half gone, there will have been collected almost the entire amount.

## A BOY BLEUTH

J. C. Hutchinson, of near Townsend, lost a valuable tenant on Saturday night while he believed at the time was stolen while he and his wife were attending a wedding anniversary in Townsend. Sunday his 10-year-old son, Paul, found the tenant standing under a livery shed at the Middletown Hotel where he had gone with his cousin, a boy of his age, in search of the horse. Mr. Hutchinson and another son went to the south of Townsend in search of the team, and they were much surprised to find on their return home that the youngster had come up with the horse. The liveryman told the boy that a negro had left the team there at midnight Saturday night.

## A LIQUOR WARNING

The Good Government League of Kent County has mailed letters to all of the while playing in the sitting room with her older sister, her clothing was ignited, and her face and body were badly burned. Fortunately her mother was in the adjoining room and the little tot's cries attracted her attention, and she lost no time in tearing the child's clothing from her body and smothered the flames. A few more seconds and her whole body would have been enveloped in the flames. A physician was summoned and relieved the little sufferer as much as possible, and at this writing the little tot is doing as well as can be expected.

The letter to the druggists contained an admonition that they must not sell whiskey in any form to anyone, except on prescription given by a regular practicing physician and then only for medicinal purposes, which must be stated on the prescription. The druggists also were cautioned against selling whiskey on prescription issued by a veterinary surgeon, dentist or druggist.

## PERSONALITIES

Miss Eugene Beaten was in Wilmington last week.

Mrs. Purcell McWhorter was in Wilmington last week.

Mrs. N. J. Williams is spending some time in New York City.

Miss Ida V. Howell visited relatives in Camden, N. J. last week.

Miss Mary Pearce is visiting Miss Martha Bailey in Cecilton.

Mrs. E. G. Allen was the guest of her sister in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Little Miss Helen Curry of Smyrna, has been visiting Mrs. Harry Richards.

Miss Viola McWhorter was the guest of Philadelphia relatives part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb spent several days during the past week in Philadelphia.

Miss Belle James Appleton, of Odessa, is spending this week with Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

John J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Burke and son, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eaton of this town.

Mrs. L. E. Cullen and granddaughter, little Miss Caroline Fournace, are visiting relatives in Milford and Frederica.

Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis left Wednesday for Orlando, Florida, where he was summoned by the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio N. Willis, of Lansdowne, Pa., spent part of last week with his father, Mr. M. N. Willis and family, near town.

Mr. James Lockwood, and sister, Miss Julia, attended the Army and Navy football game in Philadelphia, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crossland and son, of near Delaware City, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Richards, one day last week.

## ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown public school have obtained 90 per cent. for the month of November:

Grade A—Blanche Deakney. Grade B—Arthur Price, Elsie Boudin, Lenora Davis. Grade C—Martha Voebel, Mary Neff, Estelle Beaten, George Hukill.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2. Class A—Ruby Whitlock, John Hoffecker, Benj. Denny, Irving Bruckson, Elma Deakney, Alice Cochran. Class E—Maude Taylor, Irene Reed, Reba Deakney.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3. Class A—Elizabeth Gibbs. Class B—Alice Boudin.

DEPARTMENT NO. 4. Class A—Lillie Scott, Jessie Shepherd, Sarah Kates, Mildred Redgrave, Frances Beaten, Anita Hitchens. Class B—Artie Scott, Beulah Whitlock, Helen Hall, Lelia Pearce, Mary Cochran, Crawford David, Clifford Price, Clarence Weber, Fred Baker, John Kumpel, Percy Price.

DEPARTMENT NO. 5. Class A—Elva Marker, Charles Kelly, Frank McWhorter, Allen Johnson, Cortlandt Funder. Class B—Esther Whitlock, Margaret Pessanton, Viola Markers, Lelia Pratt, Alden Parker, Claude Fournace, Albert Schuman, Frank Walker.

Brown Cottage School. The following pupils of Brown Cottage School have obtained an average of 90 per cent. or over for the month of November: Lena Manlove, Mable Conner, Jessie Kuhl, Bertha Mautone, Nina Castelow, Bryan Boulden, William Clark, George Murray, William Dignan, Avery Donovan, Irving Sparks. Miss Ada Scott, teacher.

## TOWNSEND

Mrs. Mamie Carrow is visiting her parents at Golt.

Mrs. Sallie Taylor is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Grace Wilson, of Milton, is visiting Miss Nettie Beasley.

Mr. Elmer Webb, of Wilmington, spent Friday last with his mother here.

Miss Nellie Joiner visited friends and relatives in Philadelphia last week.

Miss Katie Sharpe, of Chestertown, has been visiting Miss Laura Donohue.

Mrs. Maggie Lee is spending this week with her son, Walter Lee, near Smyrna.

Miss Elsie Byron, of Middletown, spent Thanksgiving with Miss Ruth Richardson.

Mrs. Spruance Hall and child, of Chester, Pa., are guests of D. Richardson and family.

Mrs. W. E. Hart has returned home, after spending part of last week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. W. H. Reynolds and children have returned from a pleasant visit to Baltimore.

Mrs. Jacob Spicer is spending sometime with her father, who is seriously ill, in New Jersey.

Miss Lillian Hart entertained quite a number of her friends at her home last Friday evening.

Miss Maggie Deen and nephew John Deen, of New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Staats.

The young ladies of Townsend will give a play called "The Old Maid's Convention" on Wednesday evening next, to be held in the Church Hall. The public will be welcome.

## CECILTON

Miss Mary Pearce, of Middletown, is visiting Miss Martha Bailey.

Miss Margaret Bulletin, of Wilmington, is visiting her cousin, the Misses Brown.

Mr. William Freeman, Sr., of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. H. W. Black and wife.

Miss Myrtle Stradley, of Warwick, spent from Thursday until Monday with her parents here.

Miss Mary Etherington and brother, William, were the guests of Miss Mary Blackway on Sunday.

Miss Brown, of Earleville, was the guest of her cousins, Miss Blanche and Emma Brown, on Saturday.

Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, spent from Thursday until Monday with her mother, Mrs. J. P. McCoy, Sr.

Mrs. James A. Smith spent several days of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Atwell, near Chestertown.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson, of Galena, and Miss Mary Anderson, of Still Pond, spent several days of last week with their mother, Mrs. R. Anderson.

## ST. GEORGES

James H. S. Gam was in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Dr. J. W. DeWitt spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Theodore Jones was in Wilmington on Saturday.

Mrs. John B. Vail spent Tuesday with Mrs. James Jones.

Howard Morgan, of Milton, Pa., spent Tuesday with his parents.

Mr. William S. Hannan was the guest of relatives in town Tuesday.

James Moore and family spent Sunday with James Cannon and wife.

Miss Mand Swain visited her sisters in Wilmington part of last week.

Theodore Jones and A. N. Sutton spent Monday and Tuesday in Wilmington.

Miss Ida Wright is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biddle, of State Road.

Miss Marion Price is the guest of Miss Nellie Cavender, in Summit Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Wilson spent Sunday with his father near Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Laura Jones is entertaining her sister, Mrs. James Kellog, of Newport.

Mrs. Frank Peterson and three children spent Saturday with J. W. Carrow and family.

Miss Mable Moore is spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon.

George Vincent who has been visiting the home of his youth in England, returned on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Heldmyer and son Joseph, of Odessa, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Cannon on Thursday.

Mrs. George Swain and daughter Maud, with Mrs. James Gam visited Mrs. Eugene Gravitt, in Glasgow, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bacon and son, of New Castle, were guests of Mrs. Georgiana Hastings and family Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. George Nelson and Mrs. Charles Cannon, of Odessa, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shoule on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walls and family, George and Walter Korns, of New Castle, spent part of last week with Caleb Cannon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crompton had as their guests on Saturday Mrs. James Kellog of Newport, and Mrs. Laura Jones, of St. Georges.

Mrs. Laura Jones entertained on Sunday, and Mrs. William Asprill and son William in honor of her guest Mrs. James Kellog of Newport.

George V. Hastings, wife and daughter, also Miss Mary Hastings, all of Wilmington, were the guests of their mother, Mrs. Georgiana Hastings, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gam entertained at a house party last week. Miss Mary and Louise Page, Millie Henog and Belle Lingle, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Anna Bots, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hanaway, Messrs. Harry and Elbert Cheese, of Wilmington, Clayton Riley and Dr. H. M. Caery, of St. Georges.

Miss Alida Price and J. Turner Wilson were married on Thanksgiving Day at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, at high noon. Rev. C. N. Jones performed the ceremony. Miss Nellie Cavender of Summit Bridge, played Lovengrin's wedding march. Miss Miriam Price, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and J. Woodland Wilson, a brother of the groom, was best man. The bride's gown was blue silk and she carried white carnations.

## WARWICK

E. A. Jones was in Elkton on Monday.

T. Bayard Vinyard was in Dover last week.

Numerous sleighs were out in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Samuel Bockworth was in Washington on Sunday.

Dr. James S. Merritt, of Golt, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. John L. Latomus entertained her sister, Mr. Atwell and daughter, part of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lipscomb have returned to their home in Wilmington, after a short visit with relatives here.

Preaching at the M. P. Church to-morrow morning, followed by Sacramental Services. Rev. C. M. Colton, pastor.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., will nominate their officers on December 17th, to serve for the semi-annual term of 1908.

Mrs. John R. H. Price entertained a number of our young people last Thursday evening in honor of her guests, Misses Clara Blackburn and Catharine Evans, of Wilmington.

While engaged in working around his stable on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Alfred Jones slipped and fell on his face, severing the lower portion of his ear, four stitches being necessary to reattach it. The cheek was badly bruised and a gash cut in his head.

## IS SENATOR NOW

United States Senator Harry A. Richardson was sworn in as senator from Delaware for the term of six years at Washington on Tuesday, and there was a big delegation of Delawareans present to view the ceremony.

Following the session the new senator was congratulated by his friends and in the evening he tendered a reception and banquet to the visitors which was an enjoyable affair.

Col. William D. Denny, the Senator's private secretary, did the honors gracefully, and is falling into the ways of the big Capital as naturally as though he had been brought up there. It is safe to say that any Blue Hen's Chick who dares to the National Capitol during a congressional session will receive the glad hand from the Colonel, and a hearty reception from the Senator.

## CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1 \$ .97 Corn—Yellow, shelled 50 Timothy Seed \$2.75 clover 50

Clover Seed 15 Oats 60

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz. 34¢ Butter, per lb. 27¢ Creamery Butter, per lb. 28¢

Lard, per lb. 10¢ Live Chickens, per lb. 16¢ Potatoes 45

## ODESSA

Miss Florence Atherly spent last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Geneva Ward spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Joseph M. Armstrong was a visitor in Baltimore several days of last week.

Mr. J. F. Morris spent several days of this week with friends in Chester, Pa.

E. G. Lightcap, Jr., spent several days of this week with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Hallie Gray, of Allentown, Pa., is spending sometime at her home near town.

Miss Alice McCoy, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCoy.

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Smythe spent one day of this week with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Knotts left this week for Pittsburg, Pa., where he has accepted a position.

Miss Edna VanHecke, of Delaware City, spent Thanksgiving Day at the Siddham House.

Mrs. George L. Townsend, Jr., and two sons are spending sometime with her parents at Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Templeman, of Cecilton, Md., spent Sunday last with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Armstrong, of near town, entertained this week Miss Elmore Finley, of Coventown, Md.

Miss Lucia Buckson has returned home, after spending a few days of last week with her aunt in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans, of Wilmington, were entertained part of this week by their sister, Miss Martha Evans.

Miss Helen G. Townsend, who has been spending sometime with friends at Kent, Ohio, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. E. Ballard Lodge and little son, of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending sometime with her parents, George L. Townsend and wife.

The many friends of Delaware Light cap, who has been very ill at his home with typhoid fever, are glad to learn that he is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Fred Demorest and wife, of Delaware, N. J., and Mr. Joseph Coll and wife, of Philadelphia, spent part of last week with their mother, Mrs. S. Greminger.

## FIGHT FOR PLACES AS DELEGATES

The temperance question seems destined to play an important part in the selection of delegates to the M. E. General Conference which meets in Baltimore in May. It will be recalled that Vice-President Fairbanks was defeated by Indiana Methodist because of the widely discussed cocktail incident.

Among the names prominently mentioned from the Wilmington Conference, which embraces all of Delaware and the Eastern Shore, are:

Ministerial delegates, Presiding Elders Morgan, Mowbray, Stenge and Koons, and the Revs. Robert Watt, Wilbur F. Corkran, Ralph I. Courney, George L. Hardesty, C. T. Wyatt, George P. Jones and W. L. S. Murray.

Lay delegates, Chief Justice Charles B. Lore, Colonel Albert W. Sisk, Samuel H. Baynard, John P. Holland and Professor A. R. Spaid.

With one exception the lay delegates mentioned are earnest Local Option men.

Chief Justice Lore was the one member of the State Judiciary who came out flat-footedly for "no license



## WHEN CELIA DECIDED

BY KEBLE HOWARD

Don't you think it's an awful pity, said Celia, that the majority of married people can't live without squabbling?

Awful, I replied gravely. Austin and I, she continued, are never going to quarrel when we're married.

I see. You're getting it all over beforehand. Celia gave me one of her famous cold don't look as she put the question:

What do you mean? I-I beg your pardon. I misunderstood you. You mean that when you're married you will continue to treat each other with unruffled amiability?

Exactly. I should explain here that Celia is twenty and Austin twenty-two. Celia's father urges her to wait at least two years, and Austin's mother insists that he should not take a wife within three years. But I happen to know that the young couple are already house hunting. The lucky suburb they propose to adorn with their presence is Richmond.

I don't wish to discourage you, I ventured to observe, but wouldn't it be wise, perhaps, to allow yourselves, say, one squabble a week? Just to clear the air, you know.

I have yet to learn, replied Celia loftily, that squabbling clears the air.

It does, though, just as sneezing clears the head. Besides, if you never squabble, you'll never know the delight of making it up.

If you'll excuse my saying so, I can't see the sense of quarreling for the sake of making it up. You might as well ask me to cut my finger for the pleasure of getting it to heal. No, Austin and I have arranged to dispense with the usual vulgar squabbles, and we have thought of a splendid plan to help us carry out the idea.

I'm so glad. May one ask what it is?

Certainly. I should like everybody to know it, and then the world would be ever so much happier. We hit upon it by asking ourselves what was the reason for all these rows between married people. What would you say was the reason?

Lack of money. Don't try to be cynical. Incompatibility of temper.

No. You seem rather stupid this afternoon, so I'll tell you. People squabble because there's no definite understanding as to whose word shall be law.

Ah! I never thought of that. And which of you two is to be the master?

Neither—and both. Oh, yes. That sounds excellent.

Celia was vastly amused at my confusion. I thought I should puzzle you, she said. Now I'll explain. When we differ on a very big affair, Austin is to decide. Isn't that a splendid plan?

Magnificent! You don't think so, you sulky, disagreeable old wretch!

Yes, I do, really. The only difficulty I foresee—

I might have known you'd foresee something horrid! You're the kind of person who makes it impossible for people to live up to their ideals.

I'm sorry, I won't tell you what I foresee.

At this, of course, she fell to coaxing. I was not to be angry. It was only her fun, and I was a dear old thing to bother my head about them at all. With more to the same effect, which meant that Celia was inquisitive. Presently I allowed myself to be persuaded.

I was going to say that the only difficulty I foresee will arise when it becomes necessary to decide whether the matter under consideration is a big one or a small one.

Oh, that will be obvious, argued Celia. But my suggestion had evidently made her uncomfortable.

I hope so, but I'm not sure. For example, suppose Austin's mother wanted to come and live with you. Would that be a big matter or a small one?

A big one, said Celia promptly; but in that case, you see, I should decide, because Austin would naturally be biased.

But Austin might be very anxious to have his mother living with him. What would happen then?

Well, I didn't say I should object, did I? I'm afraid you jump at conclusions.

This retort baffled me—as she

had intended. I was determined to get even.

I beg your pardon. We'll take another proposition. Suppose you differed over the selection of your house. Would that be a big matter or a small one?

The woman always selects the house, declared Celia.

Really? I didn't know that. I thought that, as the man has to live in it, and also pays the rent, he would naturally be allowed a voice in the matter.

A voice—yes. But no man would be such a brute, I should hope, as to make his wife live in a house she didn't like.

And wouldn't a woman be rather unkind who made her husband live—

Men, interrupted Celia, don't take such violent dislikes to houses as women do.

That depends on the temperament of the man. You can't lay down hard and fast rules about these things. I should say that Austin, now, would find a certain sort of house unbearable.

What sort of a house? Well, I'm not sure. I—

There you are, you see. You're talking rubbish. Austin will like any house that I'm in. That sounds conceited, but I don't mean it that way. We're genuinely in love with each other.

Therefore you would like any house he was in.

Certainly, while he was actually in it. But as he'll be out all day, and I shall be at home all day, it is obvious that, if we do happen to differ about the selection of our house, I have the right to decide.

Well, I sincerely hope the contingency will not arise, as they say.

I'm sure it won't. Row a little faster, please, or I shall be late. For dinner? Why, it's only—

No, for Austin, stupid! I always meet him at the station, and his train gets down at five minutes to six.

Oh! I scolded so feverishly that we made the landing stage in record time. Celia, looking delightfully cool and pretty, tripped off to meet her beloved. And I, floating dreamily downstream, wondered whether any matter would ever seem big enough to be worthy Austin's decision.

I saw nothing of the interesting young couple until the following Sunday. This did not astonish me. I could picture them wandering about Richmond arm in arm, if not hand in hand, seeking the ideal habitation of their dreams.

I envied them the wanderings less than the dreams.

It chanced, after luncheon, that I took a little stroll in the direction of Teddington lock. The scene was all life and color. Suddenly a pretty girl, lolling gracefully on some cushion at the end of a punt and looking radiantly happy, waved me a gay salute. It was Celia. But the punting was not Austin.

This was odd. Sunday, of course, was their great day. They lunched and supped at each other's homes, took tea up the river, and were deliciously happy for twelve long hours. Yet here was Celia, beaming and laughing, in the company of another man.

The thing was inexplicable. I strolled on, turning it over and over in my mind. Had they quarreled? There was no suggestion of such a catastrophe in Celia's manner. All women, one is told (despite some little experience of playhouse), are actresses but could any girl of twenty who had fallen out with the object of her serious affection conceal her grief so successfully? I was quite baffled.

Among the usual crowd at the lock I found Austin. He was leaning over the rail, staring moodily at the mass of craft in the water. I think he resented the presence of so many people when a young gentleman wished to commit suicide.

I slipped him on the back. This is contrary to my usual custom, as the back slapping habit is as loathsome as the chewing of gum. But I knew that it would be good for Austin to be annoyed.

What the—He turned on me with an angry growl. Oh, it's you, is it?

How are you? Pretty fit, thank you. Going for a walk?

He fell to studying the depths of the lock again. This meant that I, too, might drown myself, for all he cared.

If you'll come with me. I can't, thank you, I'm—busy. With your thoughts? That

brought us face to face again. What do you mean? You've heard something.

No, I haven't. But I've seen something.

What have you seen? His tone was very eager. I was touched. Miss Celia deserved a lesson for her little bit of coquetry.

Celia. With that cad Oakshott? I don't know whether his name is Oakshott, but he certainly suggested the cad. He was one of the perfect Panama brigade.

That's the fellow. Austin looked murderous.

You'd better come for a walk, I told him, and he came. At first he refused to speak, and I thought it better to let him take his time. Presently, though, the softness of the fair June day opened his heart, and he told me, just what had happened.

Miss Celia, it appeared, and I really ought to have guessed it—had set her heart on a little house, or rather a cottage, that Austin did not fancy at all.

It isn't a fad, he explained excitedly. I'm perfectly certain we should both hate the place before we'd been in it six months. It's just the kind of cottage that would take a girl's fancy, you know—ivy, and low ceilings and old-fashioned windows that don't fit, and doors that either drag the carpet up when you open them or allow an inch or two top and bottom for ventilation, and a staircase that threatens to come down every time you tread on it, and bedrooms about as big as cupboards, and a view from the dining-room window of a beerhouse, and a view from the drawing-room window of other people's damp linen, and twisted chimneys with beams in them that couldn't help catching fire if they tried, and—oh, lots of things!

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### FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

It is estimated that an average 1000-pound cow will during the year consume two tons of hay and one ton of feed, besides pasture.

The State Veterinarian of Nebraska says it is unwise to ring the noses of hogs. If they have plenty of salt and salves they will root very little.

A sleep is very particular about eating at the first table. It will not touch hay that has been mowed over by other stock. So with corn and oats, they do not like the grain that has been played over.

The following poison is one that both rats and mice are particularly fond of, and yet it is claimed to be harmless to dogs, cats and other domestic animals: Mix three parts of eggshells and one of sugar powder, and mix with fennel essence sprinkled on the sugar. Mix a pinch of this powder with the paste, cheese, butter, flour, meat or grease intended for the vermin. The powder should be kept in a well-closed vessel, as air has a tendency to ferment the eggs.

When time and matter are both applied to the soil, the latter should be plowed under and the former applied to the surface and harrowed in. Wallace relates an instance that when a boy he assisted in putting 1000 bushels of lime on an 18-acre field at the rate of 100 bushels to the acre. When through a portion of the field had lime and no manure, a portion of lime applied on top of the manure, plowed under, and a portion with manure and no lime. When lime was applied without manure there was a fairly good crop. When the manure was applied without lime there was a better crop. When the manure was plowed under and the lime applied on top there was a record-breaking crop.

In protein a pound of clover hay is equivalent to six pounds of corn stover or four pounds of timothy. Timothy is probably the most expensive hay that can be given a dairy cow. Ten pounds of corn grain and 20 pounds of timothy hay contains but very little more than half as much protein as the same amount of corn and 20 pounds of alfalfa hay. It would seem more profitable for the farmer to sell his timothy and buy clover or alfalfa, even if prices are exactly the same.

A farmers' institute bulletin says that mulberries make splendid shade trees for the poultry yard, and the fowls devour the berries.

Dr. John Funk, State pomologist of Pennsylvania, says that apples in cold storage next spring will bring \$8 and \$9 per barrel. Dealers in the East are now furnishing barrels and paying \$3 and \$4 for all the apples they can get.

One who has tried it says that the most successful treatment that he has found for nail wounds in horses feet is to clean out the wound and pour full of hot lard or lard. This seems to give very little pain, and one treatment generally cures.

Some veterinarians claim that there is no drug that will kill bot flies, horses, but others say that the juice of raw Irish potatoes will kill them instantly. For immediate relief, grate raw potatoes, add water enough to pour out of a bottle and drench the horse. Horses fed raw potatoes as regularly as salt is given them, will not be troubled with bots.

For horses that are not used to potatoes, put or grate them and mix with their food.

The essential points for producing satisfactory milk are a healthy herd, quartered in a clean, well-ventilated and well-lighted stable, cared for and milked by clean attendants, and the product stored in clean utensils in a clean room.

If the pigs root out, dig a trench one foot deep behind the fence, and tack poultry wire netting to the posts. Their sensitive noses will avoid it.

Plant food is any element, no matter if derived from the soil or the air, that will nourish and sustain the plant when it is taken into the plant's body.

The Journal of Agriculture says there are 13 elements that plants take into their bodies and incorporate into their structures. Three of these, it is claimed, are not plant foods from the fact that they are not essential. They are chlorine, sodium and silicon. The other ten are oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, carbon, sulphur, phosphorus, potash, lime, magnesium and iron.

The farmer has but little control over the amount of oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, sulphur, phosphorus and iron. We generally find enough of these elements present to grow abundant crops when we find sufficient of the other elements. It is not often that the farmer has to devote any particular attention to the supply of these elements.

Plants seem to survive on very little food, but they cannot thrive, grow and produce fruit without an abundance of food in the soil. It is a fact that in almost every soil nitrogen is nearly always deficient, phosphoric acid usually so, and potash quite often. Nitrogen in a soluble form is readily washed out of the soil, but not so with phosphoric acid, potash and the other mineral elements.

Nitrogen is needed to promote the growth of plants. An absence of it will cause stunted plants and inferior growth. It will also deepen the color of plants—where there is an abundance of it in the soil the plants are bright, dark green color. However, too much nitrogen will cause a rank growth, while the production of flowers, fruit and grain is retarded.

Old table napkins when too shabby for dishes, are generally worth cutting up for doilies. Cut out rounds or oblongs from the best parts of the napkins, and edge them with crocheted or other lace. Thus they make pretty doilies for cakes, etc., and may last a long time.

MARRIAGE AS A "FAILURE"

There is more nonsense talked in the abstract about marriage as a failure than is talked about any other branch of the conduct of life. If a census on the subject could be taken I am sure it would be found that the majority of married people live along very comfortably and are no happier in their united state than they possibly could have been had they remained unmarried. The number of divorces is usually quoted to prove that marriage is a failure, but what, after all, is the number of divorces in proportion to a population of many millions of married people?—Mrs. Sarah Grand in London Chronicle.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF

St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

JOSEPH H. KNOX, in ODESSA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1907, From 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M.

AT HENRY CLEVER'S STORE, in PORT PENN, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1907, From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday during the month of December from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE, DECEMBER 28th, 1907, From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING, DECEMBER 30th, 1907, From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT DELANEY'S, (DAVIS' STORE) DECEMBER 31st, 1907, From 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF

Appoquinimink Hundred!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1907 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

AT TOWNSEND, DEL., IN TOWNSEND, DEL., NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1907. From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of January.

WILLIAM H. MONEY, Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred.

NOTICE!

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REGISTERED ORDER.

REGISTRATION OF WILL'S OFFICE. NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Oct. 1907.

Upon the application of Frederick Brady, Executor of George E. Brady late of St. Georges Hundred, in said County, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of said estate to all persons claiming an interest in the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in all of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or able to act as an assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRADING POST, THE NEW CASTLE NEWS and in the Middletown, Del., and to be continued there in ten weeks.

Given under the hand and seal of (SEAL) Office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Middletown, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

Notice—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in and of late granted unto the undersigned on the Twenty-first day of October, A. D. 1907, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Executor, on or before the Twenty-first day of November 1907, or the said assembly in such case made and provided.

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